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SUMMARY. ALL BUSINESS OF PLANNED TWO-DAY PANAFTTEL MEETING ACCOMPLISHED IN THREE HOURS AND MEETING TERMINATED AFTERNOON JULY 9. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS SINCE NOVEMBER 1973 MEETING, PANAFTTEL PROMOTERS AND SG MILI (ITU) PLEASED WITH RESULTS (READ PLEDGES FROM DONOR COUNTRIES) AND MANY OF PROPOSED TELECOM LINKS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES ALREADY ASSURED OF FINANCING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT OUTSET OF MEETING, OAU ASST SG OSANYA-NYNEQUE NOTED THAT PANAF TELECOMMUNICATIONS WILL NECESSARILY BE FINANCED BY MOST PRACTICAL MEANS AVAILABLE, THAT IS THROUGH ADB, WORLD BANK, BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS, ETC., NOT THROUGH A PANAFTTEL FUND AS ORIGINALLY VISUALIZED. OAU EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT FINE RESPONSE OF DONOR COUNTRIES TO DATE. APPROX 75 PERCENT OF NETWORK'S FINANCING REQUIREMENTS ALREADY COVERED THROUGH ONE OR ANOTHER SOURCE. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATING

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COMMITTEE INSURING THE HOMOGENEITY OF THE NETWORK AS A WHOLE

AND FINDING AN ANSWER TO PROBLEM OF FINANCING THE LESS PROFITABLE SECTORS OF THE NETWORK ESPECIALLY IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REGION ON FAVORABLE TERMS.

2. SUMMARY OF PANAFTEL SURVEY RESULTS REVIEWED COUNTRY BY COUNTRY TO ASCERTAIN THOSE ARTERIES STILL IN NEED OF PLEDGES OF FINANCING. MAJOR ADDITION TO PREPARED SUMMARY WAS ANNOUNCEMENT BY CANADIAN REP THAT HIS COUNTRY PLANS CONTRIBUTE BETWEEN 13-18 MILLION DOLLARS UNDER ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOM LINKS IN SENEGAL, MALI, UPPER VOLTA, NIGER AND DAHOMEY. LOAN WILL BE INTEREST FREE AND REPAYABLE IN 50 YEARS. CANADA WAS LAUDED BY MOST FOLLOWING SPEAKERS FOR THIS HUGE CONTRIBUTION. FRG REP EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S READINESS TO PROVIDE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE AND, PER FRG POLICY, FRG AWAITING SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR SAME. MALOY MADE BRIEF STATEMENT ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REF A AND REF C.

3. SG MILI ANNOUNCED THAT THIS WOULD BE LAST SUCH GENERAL MEETING. TO FACILITATE PLANNING AND PROVIDE OVERALL PICTURE OF ONGOING AND PROJECTED TELECOM ASSISTANCE IN AFRICA, SG REQUESTED ALL COUNTRIES PROVIDE DATA ON THEIR ACTIVITIES. PER REF D CONVERSATION AND BECAUSE MISSION AID OFFICER NOT PRESENTLY IN GENEVA, ACTING TEL ATT WOULD APPRECIATE FOLLOWING DATA ON US TELECOM PROJECTS IN AFRICA (E.G. CHAD, LIBERIA, ETC.): COUNTRY, ROUTE, SYSTEM (HC, MW, ETC.), CIRCUITS, TOTAL COST, TIMING AND FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS. SG MILI ALSO REQUESTED NAMES OF COUNTRIES' REPS WHO WILL BE SERVING AS THEIR GOVERNMENTS' LIAISON LINKS IN FUTURE WITH ADB RE PANAFTEL PROJECT.

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